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Disposition of Claims	•	•	
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>34-53 and 77-95</u> is/are pending in the	e application.		
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>1-14,29-33,54-61,63</u>	• •	/are withdrawn from consideration	
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.			
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.			
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.			
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The applicant's amendment of 1/17/06 has been entered. Applicant has withdrawn the claims of groups I and II and amended the remaining claims to depend from the claims of group IV. However, the original groups as enumerated below remain distinct and their relationships to one another has not been shown, multiple inventions are claimed and the restriction below is maintained.

Election/Restrictions

- 2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - Claims 1 and 54 and their dependents, drawn to printing an indicia on the adhesive side of self-adhesive transparent label stock.
 - II. Claims 29 and 76 and their dependents, drawn to disabling of a printer when tampering has been detected.
 - III. Claims 34 and 77 and their dependents, drawn to printing of a non-fluorescent postage indicia on a fluorescent medium.
 - IV. Claims 42 and 84 and their dependents, drawn to printing of machine readable postage indicium information at two separate locations on the mail item where one of the machine readable information is for error correction.
 - V. Claims 50 and 92, drawn to printing of address and postage indicium at two separate locations on label stock where one of the machine readable portions include an indication that associates the two machine readable portions.
- 3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I-V are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because:

Claims 1 and 54 and their dependents, drawn to printing an indicia on the adhesive side of self-adhesive transparent label stock.

Claims 29 and 76 and their dependents, drawn to disabling of a printer when tampering has been detected.

Claims 34 and 77 and their dependents, drawn to printing of a non-fluorescent postage indicia on a fluorescent medium.

Claims 42 and 84 and their dependents, drawn to printing of machine readable postage indicium information at two separate locations on the mail item where one of the machine readable information is for error correction.

Claims 50 and 92, drawn to printing of address and postage indicium at two separate locations on label stock where one of the machine readable portions include an indication that associates the two machine readable portions.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Dixon whose telephone number is (571) 272-6803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on (571) 272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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